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THE 56TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

On September 23 the 56th General Assembly will be opened at the First Presbyterian Church, Inchon, for five days, with about 319 delegates participating from all presbyteries. The major agenda for this year will be as follows: 1) Structure Reformation; 2) Women Elder Request; 3) Constitution Amendment; 4) Northern Presbyteries Consideration; 5) Presbyterian Consultation; etc.

NEW GENERAL SECRETARY FOR BOARD OF EVANGELISM

The Executive Committee meeting of the Board of Evangelism of General Assembly which was held in Hae Wun Dae, Pusan, on August 20, elected Rev. Kei Yong Kim, who now is in Brazil as a missionary, as the new General Secretary, succeeding Rev. Kwon Chan Lee, who has served more than 11 years in that office. The Committee at the same time asked Rev. Lee to continue to hold the responsibility until Rev. Kim returns from Brazil sometime in April 1972.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

On August 16 the Presbyterian Women met in their 36th General Assembly at the Seminary, Kwang Na Roo, for five days. The subject for discussion was "Today's Witness." 250 delegates participated at the General Assembly and elected new officers as follows:

Chairman	--	Kum Yun Lee (Kun San)
Vice Chairman	--	Yun Ok Lee (Seoul), Duk Kwi Kong (Seoul)
General Secretary	--	Hwa Mi Lee (Seoul)

LAY LEADERS CONSULTATION

Under the auspices of the Board of Education of General Assembly, the 4th Consultation of Lay-Educational Leaders was held from August 23-25 at the Seminary, Kwang Na Roo, with the subject, "Challenging the New Era and Lay-Education." Lecturers with themes were:

Rev. Tong Hwan Moon	--	Programs for Lay-Education
Rev. John P. Brown	--	Lay Movement in Current World Churches
Rev. Bong Bae Park	--	Current Church and Society
Rev. Kap Shik Sung	--	New Directions in Lay-Education

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BOARD OF EVANGELISM EXPANDS EVANGELICAL CAMPAIGN

On August 30th, 2p.m. - the Committee of Nation-Wide Evangelical Campaign met at the conference room of the Board of Evangelism of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Korea reviewed the results of the Campaign which was held in more than 20 places since it started two months ago. The Committee also decided to expand the Campaign and send Revival Leaders even to Formosa and Japan. From the month of October the Campaign will be high lighted by a joint program together with NCC-K in the major cities of the Nation.

MAJOR CITY REVIVAL BY NCC-K

On August 31st more than 50 clergymen from 6 diferent denominations met in the conference room of the Christian Center and discussed a Revival Movement under the auspices of NCC-K. The Meeting was presided by Rev. Kwan Suk Kim the General Secretary of NCC and the opening speech was given by Rev. Kwon Chan Lee the Board of Evangelism of the Presbyterian Church of Korea in which he said " Let all the churches hold Revival Services in the major cities at the same time in order to lead 30 million to Christ by the time of Mission 100 anniversary."

CONVENTIONAL MEETING OF THE NATIONAL LAYMEN'S ASSOCIATION

With the theme of " Laymen Concern for Society " the National Laymen's Association held it's 14th Conventional Meeting at Keimyung Christian College in Taegu from August 24th thru 26th. From 26 presbyteries, more than 140 delegates participated and elected the officers as follows;

Chairman - Kyu Suk Lee ( Seoul )

V-Chairman - Suk Won Kang ( Soon Chun ), Byung Won Park ( Kyung Ki )  
Byung Hyun Kim ( Kyung Puk )

General Secretary - Yung Sung Kwon ( Seoul )

PUSAN REVIVAL AT THE STADIUM

The Pusan Inter-Denominational Christian Association decided to have an Evangelical Revival at the Pusan Stadium on September 13th thru 19th.

ROK-PRESBYTERIAN CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Committee to study on the Creed of the Presbyterian Church of R.O.K. which was organized at 1967 General Assembly after several years of study will submit a Proposed Confession of Faith to the General Assembly this year to be approved.

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DR. SAMUEL A. MOFFETT MEMORIAL HALL

The ground-breaking ceremony for the Samuel A. Moffett Memorial Hall, a chapel-auditorium building with an exhibition hall, was held at the Soongwi Girls' High School on Nam San, Seoul, on September 7th.

With the presence of Dr. and Mrs. Samuel Hugh Moffett, third son (Dean of Seminary Graduate School) and Dr. and Mrs. Howard F. Moffett, fourth son (Superintendent of Taegu Presbyterian Hospital), the memorial service was then held in the auditorium after the ground-breaking ceremony had taken place at the site of the school ground.

Dr. Kyung Chik Hahn (Chairman of the Memorial Committee) gave a sermon at the Service in which he said, "The late Dr. Samuel A. Moffett was a man of faith who lived and sacrificed all his life for the Gospel. His faith was evangelical and Biblical. He is a true benefactor of our people and our nation. This Memorial Hall which we are going to build in his memory is only a small reward compared to his service. Let this Memorial Hall built on the Rock of Truth show forth his achievements forever and ever."

A MISSIONARY TO INDONESIA

Taegu Overseas Mission Committee had its farewell service for Dr. Chang Hwan Park, professor of G.A. Theological Seminary, who is going to Indonesia as a missionary. The service was held at the First Presbyterian Church, Taegu, on September 12th. Dr. Park is a person respected not only in Gospel evangelism but also, with his long experience as a Seminary professor, he can help in promoting their Seminary.

K-NCC WILL BECOME A JURIDICAL PERSON

At its regular Executive Committee meeting on September 6th in the General Secretary's room, it was decided to have NCC as a Juridical Person Organization. The Committee will submit the request to the General Assembly next year for approval. The Committee also discussed "Tong El Kyo" - Unification Church. More than 20 representatives of various denominations and institutions were present. The group recently moved its office into our Christian Center with the weekly paper called "Chu Han Chong Kyo" - "A Weekly Religion." In order to control its propagation the Committee decided to ask Professor Sang Hee Moon of Yonsei University to write a booklet on that particular religion for our churches to know more about it.

MULTI-MEDIA CONSULTATION

Under the auspices of the Committee on Mass Communication, K-NCC - Chairman, Rev. Ho Joon Yu - the Multi-Media Seminar was held on August 30 through September 1 at a Tourist Hotel in Taejon. The result was to establish a Multi-Media Council for the purpose of joint mass communication work.

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## NEW MODERATORS OF THE FOUR MAJOR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES IN KOREA

### Presbyterian Church of Korea (Tong Hap) " Ecumenical "

There was 316 Commissioners representing about 2,333 churches at the 56th General Assembly which was held at the First Presbyterian Church in Incheon from September 23rd to 27th. On the evening of the first day the election for the Moderator took place after the opening service. Out of 313 total votes cast, Rev. Chi Il Pang (Vice-Moderator) of Yung Dung Po Church, Seoul received 276 votes and became the Moderator. The election of the Vice-Moderator, as usual, was very exciting and three ballots had to be cast. Out of 303 votes cast, Rev. Chong Dae Kim, of Un Kwang Church in Seoul, received 154 votes, and Rev. Ho Joon Yu, of Yong San Church in Seoul, received 145 votes. Other elected Officers of the General Assembly are as follows;

Stated Clerk .....	Rev. Hyung Tae Kim (Yun Dong Church, Seoul)
Assistant " " .....	Rev. Maeng Soel Park (Taegu)
Recording Secretary .....	Elder Sung Hak Pyun (Kyung Ju)
Assistant " " .....	Elder Hong Ki Park (Soon Chon)
Treasurer .....	Elder Chang Ro Lee (Seoul)
Assistant " " .....	Elder Seh Hwan Cho (Chun Ju)
General Secretary of General Assembly Office ...	<u>Rev. Yoon Shik Kim</u> (Yeh Chon)

### Presbyterian Church of Korea (Hap Dong) " N.A.E. "

The 56th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Korea " N.A.E." the ( National Association of Evangelical ) was held at Central Church in Taejon with about 295 Commissioners from 32 presbyteries from September 23rd to 27th. On the 24th Rev. Kyu Shun Chung (Jun Chon, Kyung Puk) was elected as the Moderator, and Rev. Shun Kyum Park as Vice-Moderator.

### Presbyterian Church of R.O.K. (Ki Chang)

On September 21st the 56th General Assembly was opened at Sung Nam Church in Seoul. From 10 presbyteries there were 114 Commissioners present, and the presiding officer was Rev. Hyang Rok Cho (Vice-Moderator). Elections were held after the communion service. Elected Rev. Hyang Rok Cho (Cho Dong Church, Seoul) for Moderator, and Rev. Jeon Mck Lee (Hae Nam Church, Chun Nam) for Vice-Moderator. The Proposed Confession of Faith and the request of Proposed Plan of the Women Pastors, was accepted.

### Presbyterian Church of Korea (Ko Shin)

The 21st General Assembly was opened on September 23rd at Sung Won Church, Ma Po, Seoul with 96 Commissioners representing 8 presbyteries. Elected Rev. Hwi Do - Kim (Puyong Church, Pusan) for Moderator, and Rev. Myung Bck Sohn (Second Mun Chang Church, Masan) for Vice-Moderator.

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At these four major Presbyterian Churches' General Assemblies, one thing in common which we should know - ALL ARE AGREED TO HAVE THE CONSULTATION TO PROMOTE BETTER RELATIONSHIPS WITH ONE ANOTHER.

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SUMMARY OF THE 56th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
First Presbyterian Church, Inchon  
September 23rd - 27th, 1971

MAJOR DISCUSSED ITEMS.

1.  
Voted to refer the matter of Middle School Entrance by lottery to the Board of Education to consult with the Association of Christian Schools first and then make an appeal to the Ministry of Education to give consideration to those students wishing to apply to a Mission related schools.
2.  
Voted to agree to proceed on organizing a Consultation among the separated Presbyterian Churches.
3.  
Voted to accept the Members for the General Assembly level Juridical Person as the selected by the Officers of the General Assembly; they are as follows;  
Hoo Sik Synn, Ho Joon Yu, Kwang Hyun Kim, Chang Ro Lee, Sung Hak Pyun. - 4 year  
Hyung Tae Kim, Kwang Kuk Ahn, Hyung Nam Kim, Seh Hwan Cho. - 2 year  
Auditors - Hong Ki Park - 2 year, Sej Bin Chung - 1 year.
4.  
Voted to reject the request to amend the Constitution to permit election of Women Elders. Favor - 94 votes, Opposed - 149 votes.
5.  
Voted to refer the matter of continuing the system of having a General Assembly - Sunday Offering to the Financial Committee to study during the year and report back next year.
6.  
Voted to reconfirm the word "God" as Ha Na Nim as it has been decided in the past rather than the word Ha Nu Nim as used by the joint translation group, Protestant and Catholic, at the Bible Society.
7.  
Voted to have a Special Committee on North Korea Church Affairs in anticipation of future Unification. Elected members are as follows;  
Joong Hae Choi, Kwang Hoon Kim, Duk Yun Ewang, Bong Kul Lee, Chi Hun Son. - 3 year  
Kwang Hyun Kim, Sinmyung Kang, Taik Jin Em, Yong Jin Kim, Myung Jun Bae. - 2 year  
Kyung Chik Han, Ho Joon Yu, Man Jai Kim, Chi Soon Park, Chang Kwon Mun. - 1 year
8.  
Voted to accept the newly elected General Secretary for the Board of Evangelism, Rev. Kei Yong Kim, who now is in Brazil, to succeed Rev. Kwon Chan Lee.

9.

Voted to decide to classify the presbyteries as rural and urban for the purpose of allocation of assessments for the General Assembly.

10.

Voted to decide the By-laws of the Constitution as follows;

- 1) Retirement (Pastor, Elder, Lay-leader, Deacon) at the age of 70, to be effective at the end of December of that year.
- 2) When the representative of an organization is retired in this manner, it is the responsibility of the organization he represents to notify him of that fact, and publicly announce the retirement.
- 3) Any one who is retiring must at the same time retire from other public positions such as Board Members to related institutions. The Organization, Officers or Executive body which he represents will be responsible for filling the vacancies caused by retirement.
- 4) According to the amended Constitution, those presbyteries with less than 15 churches must be merged with the neighboring presbytery before the spring of 1972.
- 5) Requests of pastors from other denominations to be affiliated with our denomination must be reviewed by the Polity Committee and examinations given by the Examination Committee.
- 6) When our Seminary graduated pastors return from other denominations it will not be necessary to take the 1 year training at the Seminary.

11.

Voted to refer the proposed amendment for the Rules of General Assembly to the Rules Committee to study for a year and report back next year.

12.

Voted to accept the Amended Constitution, having been approved by the presbyteries and announced its acceptance by the General Assembly.

13.

Voted to accept Rev. Yoon Shik Kim as the General Secretary of the General Assembly for the four year regular term.

14.

Voted to refer the matter of publishing Hymnals by us alone to the Board of Education to study for a year and report back next year.

15.

Voted to accept the Book of Order for Church Ceremonies that was revised in the Constitution, and to ask the Board of Education to publish it.

16.

Voted to accept the request of delecting a Sunday either before or after the June 25, for every church to pray for the evangelism of North Korea.

17.

Voted to refer the unfinished items and next General Assembly place to the Officers of the General Assembly.

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K-CLS AUTUMN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The Autumn General Assembly of Christian Literature Society was held on October 8th at the Conference Room of Christian Center Building with about 30 member delegates present. Vice-Chairman Rev. Kap Shik Sung presided at the meeting and accepted the reports of General Secretary, Executive Committee, Publications, Auditors, the new Budget, etc.

According to the report of the General Secretary Rev. Shun Chool Chough, during the six months period from January to June they have sold 376,516 copies of all kinds of books which is 53,931,577 won. For the sake of readers' convenience they even started an instalment plan on selling books from the month of October. To let other countries of the world know the church activities of Korea they also are going to have some periodic magazines in English soon.

Rev. Choon Bae Kim, Chairman of the Executive Committee has reported that they have accepted the proposed plan to build 6 stories first of the 12 story building plan as funds for construction are available at their 230 pyung property site in Chong Ro 2 ka, Seoul.

Elder Duk Kun Choo, Chairman of the Business Research Committee, has also reported that in order to solve the burden of paying 600,000 won interest every month on their loan they must expand the Life-time Membership Program and cover the loan from this support.

KOREA CHURCH LEADERS CONSULTATION

Under the auspices of K-NCC the Korea Church Leaders Consultation will be held at the Korea Christian Academy House for two days on October 26th and 27th. It will be the follow up consultation to the Korea-America Church Consultation which was held last December at the same place.

With the topic "Rapid Changing Asian Affairs and Responsibility of Korea Church" it is expected to have more than 60 church leaders present from all denominations including the non-ecumenical denominations.

ASIA CHRISTIAN ANTI-COMMUNIST CONVENTION

To carry Mission work out well among the nations in Asia and for the purpose of promoting better relationships and of emphasizing Anti-Communism, the 7th Asia Christian Anti-Communist Convention will be held from October 21st to 24th in Tokyo, Japan.

With the topic, "Hope for the Biblical Future of Asia" the members participating will be from more than 10 nations like, Korea, Japan, Nationalist China, Malaysia, Thailand, Vietnam, Philippne, Indonesia, Hong Kong and the United States. From Korea, 35 delegates are to participate led by Rev. Chong Kun Kim.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE KOREAN CHURCH IN JAPAN

From October 12th to 14th, the annual General assembly of the Korean Church in Japan was held at the Korean Christian Center in Osaka, Japan. Elected Rev. Duk Sam Kim (Kumamoto Church) as the Moderator and Rev. Jong Won Yun (Sakai Church), Elder Kwang Soo Kim (Nakoya Church) as the Vice-Moderators. Rev. In Ha Lee was elected as the General Secretary.

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### GENERAL SECRETARY REV. YOON SHIK KIM INAUGURATED

At the 56th General Assembly in September, Rev. Yoon Shik Kim was elected as the full time General Secretary of the General Assembly Office of the Presbyterian Church of Korea for the four year term.

On November 1st, at the General Assembly Office, Rev. Kim was inaugurated and took over the work from the former Acting General Secretary Rev. Hyung Tai Kim in the presence of the Moderator, Vice-Moderator and the General Secretaries of both the Board of Evangelism and Education.

Rev. Kim had to resign from the Church in Yeh Chon where he has served more than 20 years of time when he took over this new responsibility.

### BIBLE CLUB RALLY

The 42nd Anniversary of Korea Youth Bible Club (Chairman-Dr. Otto DeCamp) and its athletic rally was held at the Hyochang Stadium in Seoul on November 1st. More than 12,000 students from about 29 Clubs in Seoul participated and demonstrated their unity and fellowships.

### BOARD OF EDUCATION PLAN FOR TRAINING EVANGELISTS

The Executive Committee of the Board of Education of the General Assembly met on October 29th at their office and decided to have a program of training the Evangelists beginning next year, along with their Pastors' training.

Chairman Rev. Wan Suk Han presided over the meeting and study members were elected each area such as; Youth, Adults, Schools, Retreat Center, Bible Club, Curriculum, Editorial, Ceremonial Book of Order, and Church and Society.

The Committee also accepted the report that 3,000 copies of the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church of Korea have been published, and other books that will be published in 1972.

### EVANGELICAL CAMPAIGN TO BE CONTINUED

On November 4th, the Planning Committee of the Evangelical Campaign of the Board of Evangelism of the General Assembly met and decided to plan the Campaign continually from December and to prepare its Nation-wide schedule and the financial matters.

### RURAL EVANGELISM PLAN

The General Assembly, Department of Rural Evangelism had its Executive Committee Meeting at Taejon First Presbyterian Church on October 29th and discussed a number of their evangelism plans for the rural work and decided new work projects from 1972 should be as follows;

a.) 5 year Plan for Rural Union Cooperative System    b.) Plan for Scholarship Fund for Rural Pastors' Children    c.) 3 year Plan for Retraining the Rural Pastors    d.) 5 year Plan for Church Library Establishment    e.) Book Publication on Rural Pastors' Ministry and New Methods on Farming.



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PRESBYTERIAN FAMILY SERVICE COMMITTEE, ORGANIZED

The Board of Women's Work of the Presbyterian Church, U.S. has elected as their "Birthday Project" for 1971 "A MINISTRY TO FAMILIES IN THE NAME OF CHRIST IN URBAN AREAS."

The Board of World Missions asked Korea Field Secretary, Dr. George T. Brown, to be their representative in working out with appropriate groups a plan for final approval by the Board of World Missions.

The Committee to manage the Fund (\$100,000) for the project have been approved by the Committee on Cooperation of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Korea and the Board of World Missions.

On Jan. 10th, The Committee met in the conference room of the Board of Evangelism of the General Assembly and elected Dr. George T. Brown as the Chairman, Rev. Wan Suk Hahn as the Secretary and Mrs. M. Grubbs as the English Secretary among the twelve members.

The Fund will be deposited in Bank in Korea and with the interest the capital will be used up for the project in 10 years.

THEOLOGICAL EDUCATORS CONSULTATION

From Jan. 25th to 28th, the Study Consultation for the Theological Educators will be held at Chong Ro, Y.M.C.A. Seoul.

The speakers and the themes for the Consultation are as follows;

- Dr. Hyun Sul Hong (Methodist Seminary) ... Examination of the Theological Education and plan for tomorrow.  
Dr. Jung Joon Kim (Han Kuk Seminary) ... The System of Korea Theological Education.  
Prof. Yung Hak Hyun (Ehwa Uni.) ... Curriculum of Theological Education.

Prof. Joon Kwan Un (Methodist Seminary), Prof. So Yong Kim (Pusan Seminary), Prof. Tong Hwan Moon (Han Kuk Seminary), Dr. Chong Song Lee (Presby. Seminary), Prof. Kwang Sun Suh (Ehwa Uni.) are also going to speak during the Consultation.

U.P. ANNUAL MISSION MEETING

The Annual Mission Meeting of the United Presbyterian Mission was held from Jan. 13th to 16th at both Seoul Union Club and 8th Army Retreat Center.

Rev. Yoon Shik Kim, General Secretary of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Korea was invited to speak at the Union Club and he presented the situation of Korean Church and encouraged the missionaries in their service in Korea.

TWO NORTHERN PRESBYTERIES MERGED

The Northern Presbyteries of Pyung Puk and Pyung Tong have merged on Jan. 13th at the Tong An Presbyterian Church, Ei Mun Dong, Seoul and elected Rev. Chi Hun Song as the Moderator and voted to decide the name for the merged presbytery is PYUNG PUK.

Dr. Simeon Kang chaired this meeting at the time of the merger of the two Presbyteries.

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NCC-K, 25th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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In the afternoon session constitutional amendments were passed to allow for the election of six Officers of the NCC-K; for the affiliated denominational members to have two - year terms; and for the General Assembly to meet once every two years in February.

INAUGURATION SERVICE FOR REV. YOON SHIK KIM

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY GRADUATION

The 65th Commencement service of the Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Kwang Jang Dong, Seoul, was held on February 24th at Yung Nak Presbyterian Church. Among the 77 graduates, 46 will serve in churches, 16 will teach, and 5 will continue their studies.

HO NAM SEMINARY APPROVED

On February 16 Ho Nam Seminary ( President, Hyung Mo KIM ) was finally approved by the Ministry of Education as a regular four-year school according to the Higher Education Law. This Seminary in Kwang Ju was established in April 1961 for the purpose of educating the pastors in the rural areas.

THE 69th GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF Y.M.C.A., SEOUL

On February 26, the 69th General Assembly of the Seoul YMCA took place at the YMCA Auditorium, Chong Ro, Seoul with Board Chairman Tai Sun PARK and General Secretary Taek Bu Jun present. The General Assembly amended some of their constitution and passed a 312,900,800 won budget for this year.

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KYUNG PUK PRESBYTERY SPLITKeisung Group Walks Out After Reading Statement of Protest

Inauguration of Rev. Eyo Jin LEE as principal of Keisung High School has created a serious problem all along in Kyung Puk Presbytery, without the matter being resolved.

On March 7th, the 90th meeting of the Kyung Puk Presbytery was held at the First Presbyterian Church in Taegu with about 136 commissioners present. After the communion service presided over by Rev. Chong Un KIM, Secretary Rev. Chang Jin KIM began calling the roll. Suddenly from the floor Rev. Sang Ho NAM stood up and protested the omission of names of certain members from the roll call, which was not in accord with the decision of the Judicial Commission of the General Assembly. Protesting voices were then continually raised from the group known as "Institutional."

At 4:00 PM, two hours after the opening of the meeting, Rev. Sang Kun KIM read a prepared statement accusing Rev. Chong Un KIM and a few other leaders of the Presbytery of ignoring the rules and Constitution of the Presbyterian Church of Korea, and stating that they could not recognize the Kyung Puk Presbytery as the legal one. At this point more than 20 members walked out.

After the departure of this dissenting group, the Presbytery continued to transact its business, and passed a resolution urging the group to return. The following members were elected to serve as a committee to contact the group and make an effort to persuade them to return: Rev. Tae Muk KIM, Rev. Kyung Bok AHN, and Elder Tai Suk AHN. A special Judicial Commission was also established to judge those who are on the Board of Keisung Juridical Person, including the chairman of the board Tai Shik SYNN, and members like Tai Dong KIM, Sun Chul CHOUGH, and Sang Ho NAM.

At 7:30 PM the dissident group continued its own meeting at Tong Ro Church, presided over by Rev. Hoo Shik SYNN, and they elected officers as follows:

Moderator	-- Rev. Sang Kun KIM
Vice Moderator	-- Rev. Soo Hwan BAI
Secretary	-- Rev. Soon Ho CHUNG
Asst. Secretary	-- Rev. Byung Ju CHOI
Treasurer	-- Rev. Byung Shik PARK
Asst. Treasurer	-- Rev. Sang Soo CHOI

Voted also Rev. Sang Ho NAM to be assigned to Evangelism; and the request to admit three elders from Chung San Church was accepted.

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## "Handbook on Religion" by Government

The Ministry of Culture and Public Information has published a handbook on religions to see the religious situation in one glance in Korea. With the title Religions of Korea, which is the first such book published since liberation, the book covers: Religion and Nation, Projections and Trends of Korean Religion, Status of Religions of Korea. Among the divisions the most interesting part will be the denominational statistics presented in the book.

According to this handbook the total religious adherents in Korea are 19,613,880 and divided into the various religious groups:

Buddhist	7,985,773
Confucian	4,423,000
Christian	3,463,108
Catholic	790,367
Chundo Kyo	718,072
Won Bul Kyo	681,783
Tae Chong Kyo	145,002
Others	1,406,775

Buddhism has the highest number of adherents but the Protestants have the highest number of churches which totals 13,417. The Buddhist temples total 1,912. Catholics have 428. Won Bul Kyo have 231.

Religious leaders of the various religions are:

Buddhist monks	18,629
Christian ministers	17,562
Catholic priests	3,487
Chundo Kyo	1,526

Though this is the first time that the government has published a book of this kind, there may be a question on the authenticity of the statistics. The Ministry of Culture and Public Information admit that these statistics may not be accurate but the fault does not lie with the government agency but rather with the religious groups which submitted them.

Looking at the statistics for Confucianism the total is hard to believe, and it may have exaggerated the totals for Christianity and Buddhism also; in which case the Catholics and Won Bul Kyo are based most closely to their actual numbers.

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